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1. An audio reproduction method when reproducing audio data to which character data for displaying a character having a specific shape is added, comprising the steps of:

generating data on an image having the shape specified by said character data by analyzing the character data, and

displaying the generated image data correspondingly to the reproduction of said audio data.

2. An audio reproduction method according to claim 1, wherein when motion data for indicating motion of the character having the shape specified by said character data is further added to said audio data, the motion indicated by the motion data is displayed correspondingly to the reproduction of said audio data.

3. An audio reproduction method according to claim 1, wherein said character data is data on a character having a three-dimensional shape, and based on a predetermined input operation the character to be displayed is made into a character having a shape seen from an arbitrary viewpoint.

4. An audio reproduction apparatus comprising:

retaining means for retaining audio data to which

character data for displaying a character having a specific shape is added,

audio reproducing means for processing to reproduce the audio data retained in said retaining means,

image processing means for generating data on an image having the shape specified by the character data by analyzing the character when character data is added to the audio data reproduced in said audio reproducing means, and

display means for displaying image data generated in said image processing means correspondingly to the reproduction in said audio reproducing means.

5. An audio reproduction apparatus according to claim 4, wherein motion data for indicating motion of the character having the shape specified by said character data is further added to the audio data retained in said retaining means, and

said image processing means generates an image in which the motion indicated by said motion data is added to the character specified by said character data.

6. An audio reproduction apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the character data added to the audio data retained in said retaining means is data on a character having a three-dimensional shape,

operating means for indicating a viewpoint toward the character having a three-dimensional shape is provided, and

based on the viewpoint indicated by said operating means, the image data generated in said image processing means is made into an image of a character seen from the viewpoint.